

Thursday, June 26, 1997

Daily Digest

Highlights

House passed H.R. 2014, Taxpayer Relief Act.

House stands adjourned until Tuesday, July 8 for the Independence Day District Work Period.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6393-S6667

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 964-974. Page S6496

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 231, to establish the National Cave and Karst Research Institute in the State of New Mexico. (S. Rept. No. 105-37)

S. 423, to extend the legislative authority for the Board of Regents of Gunston Hall to establish a memorial to honor George Mason. (S. Rept. No. 105-38)

S. 669, to provide for the acquisition of the Plains Railroad Depot at the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site. (S. Rept. No. 105-39)

S. 731, to extend the legislative authority for construction of the National Peace Garden Memorial. (S. Rept. No. 105-40)

H.R. 173, to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to authorize donation of surplus Federal law enforcement canines to their handlers.

H.R. 680, to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to authorize the transfer to States of surplus personal property for donation to nonprofit providers of necessities to impoverished families and individuals.

S. 307, to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to authorize the transfer to States of surplus personal property for donation to nonprofit providers of assistance to impoverished families and individuals.

S. 833, to designate the Federal building courthouse at Public Square and Superior Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio, as the "Howard M. Metzenbaum United States Courthouse".

S. 861, to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to authorize dona-

tion of Federal law enforcement canines that are no longer needed for official purposes to individuals with experience handling canines in the performance of law enforcement duties. Page S6496

Measures Passed:

Congressional Adjournment: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 108, to provide for an adjournment of the House of Representatives and Senate. Page S6440

Revenue Reconciliation: Senate continued consideration of S. 949, to provide for revenue reconciliation pursuant to section 104(b) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998, taking action on amendments/motions proposed thereto, as follows: Pages S6393-S6473, S6479

Adopted:

Roth Amendment No. 520, to provide for children's health insurance initiatives.

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Roth (for Shelby) Amendment No. 553, to express the sense of the Senate regarding reform of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Pages S6469-73

Roth (for Levin/McCain) Amendment No. 556, to express the sense of the Senate regarding tax treatment of stock options. Pages S6469-73

Roth (for Enzi) Amendment No. 557, to express the sense of the Senate on Federal estate tax relief in the "Balanced Budget Act of 1997".

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Roth (for Dodd) Amendment No. 558, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 regarding the treatment of cancellation of student loans.

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Roth (for Grams) Amendment No. 559, to exclude from unrelated business taxable income for certain charitable gambling. Pages S6469-73

Roth (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 560, to provide tax relief for taxpayers located in Presidentially declared disaster areas. Pages S6469-73

Roth (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 561, to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to abate the accrual of interest on income tax underpayments by taxpayers located in Presidentially declared disaster areas if the Secretary extends the time for filing returns and payment of tax (and waives any penalties relating to the failure to so file or so pay) for such taxpayers.

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Roth (for Biden) Amendment No. 562, to provide survivor benefits attributable to service by a public safety officer who is killed in the line of duty.

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Roth (for Dodd/D'Amato) Amendment No. 563, to clarify the tax treatment of certain disability benefits received by former police officers or firefighters.

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Roth (for Boxer) Amendment No. 564, to provide for diversification in section 401(k) plan investments.

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Roth (for Daschle) Amendment No. 565, to expand non-Amtrak States' use of the Intercity Passenger Rail Fund.

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Rejected:

By 24 yeas to 75 nays (Vote No. 132), Dorgan Amendment No. 517, to impose a lifetime cap of \$1,000,000 on capital gains reduction.

Pages S6394, S6397-99

By 38 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 134), Daschle Amendment No. 527, in the nature of a substitute.

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Withdrawn:

Allard Amendment No. 523, to strike section 881, providing for an extension of the Temporary Federal Unemployment Surtax.

Domenici/Lautenberg Amendment No. 537, to implement the enforcement provisions of the Bipartisan Budget Agreement, enforce the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, extend the Budget Enforcement Act of 1990 through fiscal year 2002, and make technical and conforming changes to the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 and the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

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Subsequently, Biden Amendment No. 539 (to Amendment No. 537), to provide for the transfer of funds from the general fund to the Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund fell when Amendment No. 537 was withdrawn.

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Subsequently, the request to withdraw Amendment No. 537 (listed above) was vitiated, thus Amendment No. 539 (listed above) also remains pending.

A motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act with respect to consideration of Section 602 of the bill. Subsequently, a point of order that section 602 relating to incentives conditioned on other District

of Columbia government reform violates section 313(b)(1)(A) of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the provisions were removed from the bill.

Pages S6393, S6447-48

Pending:

Dorgan Amendment No. 515, to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to abate the accrual of interest on income tax underpayments by taxpayers located in Presidentially declared disaster areas if the Secretary extends the time for filing returns failure to so file or so pay) for such taxpayers.

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Dorgan Amendment No. 516, to provide tax relief for taxpayers located in Presidentially declared disaster areas.

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Jeffords Amendment No. 522, to provide for a trust fund for District of Columbia school renovations.

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Domenici/Lautenberg Amendment No. 537, to implement the enforcement provisions of the Bipartisan Budget Agreement, enforce the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, extend the Budget Enforcement Act of 1990 through fiscal year 2002, and make technical and conforming changes to the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 and the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

Biden Amendment No. 539 (to Amendment No. 537), to provide for the transfer of funds from the general fund to the Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund.

Nickles Modified Amendment No. 551, to provide for an increase in deduction for health insurance costs of self-employed individuals, and to modify rules for allocating interest expense to tax-exempt interest.

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Gramm Amendment No. 552, to allow families to decide for themselves how best to use their child tax credit.

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Kerry Amendment No. 554, to allow payroll taxes to be included in the calculation of tax liability for receiving the children's tax credit.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 36 yeas to 63 nays (Vote 131), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act with respect to consideration of Bumpers Amendment No. 518, to repeal the depletion allowance available to certain hardrock mining companies. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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By 34 yeas to 64 nays (Vote No. 133), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to

waive the Congressional Budget Act with respect to consideration of Dorgan motion to refer to the Committee on the Budget with instructions. Subsequently, a point of order that the motion to refer was in violation of section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the motion was ruled out of order. **Pages S6393, S6399–S6401**

By 80 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. 135), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to waive the Congressional Budget Act with respect to consideration of Roth Amendment No. 520, listed above. **Page S6437**

By 12 yeas to 86 nays, 1 voting present (Vote No. 136), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act with respect to consideration of Byrd Amendment No. 540, to eliminate tax deductions for advertising and promotion expenditures relating to alcoholic beverages and to increase funding for programs that educate and prevent the abuse of alcohol among our Nation's youth. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was not germane was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S6442–47**

By 41 yeas to 58 nays (Vote No. 137), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act with respect to consideration of Durbin Amendment No. 519, to increase the deduction for health insurance costs of self-employed individuals, and to increase the excise tax on tobacco products. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S6394, S6449–55**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill, the pending amendments, and amendments to be proposed thereto on Friday, June 27, 1997. **Page S6667**

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy as removed from the following treaty:

Convention with South Africa (Treaty Doc. 105–9).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed. **Page S6667**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report concerning the national emergency with respect to Libya; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–48). **Page S6494**

Transmitting the annual report of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for fiscal year 1996; referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM–49). **Page S6494**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jerome B. Friedman, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Ronnie L. White, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri.

Robert G. Stanton, of Virginia, to be Director of the National Park Service.

W. Scott Gould, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Commerce.

W. Scott Gould, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Catherine E. Woteki, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food Safety.

Kneeland C. Youngblood, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Enrichment Corporation for a term expiring February 24, 2002.

Wendy Ruth Sherman, of Maryland, to be Counselor of the Department of State, and to have the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service.

Gordon D. Giffin, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to Canada.

Maura Harty, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay.

Curtis Warren Kamman, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia.

James F. Mack, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana.

Anne Marie Sigmund, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic.

Keith C. Smith, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lithuania.

Daniel V. Speckhard, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Belarus.

George Donohue, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.

Gary Gensler, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Nancy Killefer, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Nancy Killefer, of Florida, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of the Treasury.

George Munoz, of Illinois, to be President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation. **Page S6667**

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Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total–137) Pages S6396–97, S6399, S6401, S6434, S6437, S6447, S6455

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 11:22 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Friday, June 27, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6667.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities resumed hearings on proposals to reform the Social Security system, focusing on the impact of Social Security privatization, receiving testimony from Jose Pinera and Mark M. Klugmann, both of the International Center for Pension Reform, Santiago, Chile.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 738, to reform the statutes relating to Amtrak, and to authorize funds for Amtrak, with amendments. (As approved by the committee, the bill authorizes \$1,138,000,000 for fiscal year 1998, \$1,058,000,000 for fiscal year 1999, \$1,023,000,000 for fiscal year 2000, \$989,000,000 for fiscal year 2001, and \$955,000,000 for fiscal year 2002.); and

S. 39, to support the International Dolphin Conservation Program in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Also, committee began mark up of S. 442, to establish a national policy against State and local gov-

ernment interference with interstate commerce on the Internet or interactive computer services, and to exercise Congressional jurisdiction over interstate commerce by establishing a moratorium on the imposition of exactions that would interfere with the free flow of commerce via the Internet, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

RECREATION AREAS ACCESSIBILITY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded hearings on S. 783, to provide for improved access to and use of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in Minnesota, after receiving testimony from Senators Feingold and Wellstone; Lyle Laverty, Director, Recreation, Wilderness and Heritage Programs, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Guy Holmes, Wilderness Disability Project, Virginia, Minnesota; David E. Jenkins, American Canoe Association, Springfield, Virginia; Greg Lais, Wilderness Inquiry, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Robert D. LaTourell, Jr., Ely Outfitter's Association, and former Mayor Frank Salerno, both of Ely, Minnesota; and Bill Reffalt, Wilderness Society, Washington, D.C.

NATIONAL PARKS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation concluded hearings on S. 308, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study concerning grazing use of certain land within and adjacent to Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming, and to extend temporarily certain grazing privileges, and S. 360, to require adoption of a management plan for the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area that allows appropriate use of motorized and non-motorized river craft in the recreation area, after receiving testimony from Michael Soukup, Associate Director, Natural Resource Stewardship and Science, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Lyle Laverty, Director, Recreation, Wilderness and Heritage Programs, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Carole Finley, Hughes River Expeditions, Inc., Cambridge, Idaho; Darrell Bentz, Inter-mountain Excursions and Bentz Boats, Lewiston, Idaho; Peter Grubb, River Odysseys West, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Richard G. Sherwin, River Access for Tomorrow, Clarkston, Washington; Jack Sterne, Hells Canyon Preservation Council, Sisters, Oregon; and Sandra F. Mitchell, Hells Canyon Alliance, Boise, Idaho.

HOWARD M. METZENBAUM COURTHOUSE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 833, to designate the Federal building courthouse at Public Square and

Superior Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio, as the "Howard M. Metzenbaum United States Courthouse".

WETLANDS PROTECTION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety concluded oversight hearings on recent administrative changes and judicial decisions relating to Section 404 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, focusing on litigation concerning activities subject to Clean Water Act permitting, mitigation banking, and the Environmental Protection Agency's Alaska wetlands initiative, after receiving testimony from Robert H. Wayland, III, Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds, Office of Water, Environmental Protection Agency; Michael L. Davis, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works; Darrel Seibert, Seibert Development Corporation, Hudson, Ohio, on behalf of the National Association of Home Builders; James Noyes, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, Los Angeles, California, on behalf of the National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agencies; Donald I. Siegel, Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York; Donald F. McKenzie, Wildlife Management Institute, Washington, D.C.; Derb S. Carter, Jr., Southern Environmental Law Center, Chapel Hill, North Carolina; and Thomas W. Winter, Winter Brothers Material Company, St. Louis, Missouri, on behalf of the National Aggregates Association.

GLOBAL CLIMATE NEGOTIATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion resumed hearings to examine current international negotiations intended to curb global greenhouse gas emissions, focusing on United States economic and science considerations, receiving testimony from Jerry J. Jasinowski, National Association of Manufacturers, William J. Cunningham, Jr., AFL-CIO, W. David Montgomery, Charles River Associates, and Robert Repetto, World Resources Institute, all of Washington, D.C.; Patrick J. Michaels, University of Virginia, Charlottesville; and Alan Robock, University of Maryland, College Park.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

MEDICARE FRAUD

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations held hearings to examine Federal efforts to expose waste, fraud and abuse in the Medicare program, receiving testimony from Senators Grassley and Harkin; Michael F. Mangano, Principal Deputy Inspector General, and Bruce C. Vladeck, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Charles L. Owens, Chief, Financial Crimes Section, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Leslie G. Aronovitz, Associate Director, Health Financing and Systems Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; and Pamela H. Bucy, University of Alabama School of Law, Tuscaloosa.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

GLOBAL TOBACCO SETTLEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee met to receive a briefing on the terms and parameters of the proposed Global Tobacco Settlement which will mandate a total reformation and restructuring of how tobacco products are manufactured, marketed and distributed in America, focusing on its long-term impact on children and the public health, and its legal and constitutional ramifications from Mississippi Attorney General Michael Moore, Jackson; Meyer G. Koplow, Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz, New York, New York; and Matthew L. Myers, National Center for Tobacco-Free Kids, Washington, D.C.

Committee recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Small Business: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 208, to provide Federal contracting opportunities for small business concerns located in historically underutilized business zones, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

An original bill authorizing funds for fiscal years 1998, 1999, and 2000 for programs of the Small Business Administration.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 34 public bills, H.R. 2072–2105; 1 private bill, H.R. 2106; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 108 and H. Res. 177, were introduced.

Pages H4834–35

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1818, to amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001, amended (H. Rept. 105–155);

H. Res. 178, providing for consideration of H.R. 2016, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–156);

H. Con. Res. 75, expressing the sense of the Congress that States should work more aggressively to attack the problem of violent crimes committed by repeat offenders and criminals serving abbreviated sentences (H. Rept. 105–157);

H.R. 1847, to improve the criminal law relating to fraud against consumers, amended (H. Rept. 105–158);

H.R. 1898, to amend title 18 of the United States Code to penalize the rape of minors in Federal prisons (H. Rept. 105–159);

H. Res. 154, expressing the sense of the House that the Nation's children are its most valuable assets and that their protection should be the Nation's highest priority (H. Rept. 105–160);

H.R. 103, to expedite State reviews of criminal records of applicants for private security officer employment (H. Rept. 105–161 Part I); and

H.R. 1840, to provide a law enforcement exception to the prohibition on the advertising of certain electronic devices (H. Rept. 105–162).

Pages H4833–34

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Reverend Lloyd W. Johnson, Jr. of Pekin, Illinois.

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Independence Day District Work Period: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 108, providing for an adjournment of the House and Senate for the Independence Day district work period.

Page H4661

Earlier, by a yea-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 242, agreed to H. Res. 176, the rule that provided for consideration of the concurrent resolution.

Pages H4651–61

Taxpayer Relief Act: By a recorded vote of 253 yeas to 179 noes, Roll No. 245, the House passed H.R. 2014, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to

subsections (b)(2) and (d) of section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998.

Pages H4668–H4816

By a recorded vote of 164 yeas to 268 noes, Roll No. 244, rejected the Peterson of Minnesota motion that sought to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Budget with instructions to report it back to the House forthwith with amendments that strike subsection (c) of section 1 and titles I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, XI, XII, XIII, XIV, and XV; redesignate title X, relating to revenues; and establishes additional provisions relating to capital gains reductions, estate and gift taxes, family farms and businesses, child tax credit, and tax reductions related to educational expenses.

Pages H4813–15

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment printed in the June 24 Congressional Record and numbered 2 was considered as adopted. The amendment modifies the child tax credit; revises the estimated tax safe harbor, requires a study on the impact of repealing the alternative minimum tax depreciation adjustment as it relates to certain corporate taxable income, modifies the deposit rules with respect to commercial air passenger excise taxes, deletes provisions relating to a reduction in tax benefits for ethanol and renewable source methanol, changes the budgetary treatment of certain expiring provisions, and amends the title.

Rejected the Rangel amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to increase HOPE scholarship credits; extend an income tax exclusion for employer provided educational assistance; authorize interest free bonds and loans for schools with students from poor families; provide tax credits for children of families who earn less than \$60,000 per year; provide capital gains exclusions for the sale of a principal residence, allow a deductible capital gain loss when selling a residence, provide a special rate for the sale of farms, business assets, and real estate; create an additional exemption for estates that include a family owned business; extend expiring provisions of various tax credits; expand empowerment zones and enterprise zones; provide various tax credits and incentives including the deduction of remediation costs incurred with toxic waste cleanup and a welfare to work credit (rejected by a recorded vote of 197 yeas to 235 noes, Roll No. 243).

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On June 25, the House agreed to H. Res. 174, the rule that provided for consideration of both H.R. 2014, Taxpayer Relief Act and H.R. 2015, Balanced Budget Act.

Pages H4385–H4415

Late Report—Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations received permission to have until midnight Tuesday, July 1 to file a report on a bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. **Page H4816**

Late Report—Banking and Financial Services: Committee on Banking and Financial Services received permission to have until midnight Thursday, July 3 to file a report on H.R. 10, to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers. **Page H4817**

Elections in Albania: Considered under unanimous consent, the House agreed to H. Con. Res. 105, expressing the sense of the Congress relating to the elections in Albania scheduled for June 29, 1997. **Pages H4816–17**

Legislative Program: The Chief Deputy Majority Whip announced the legislative program for the week of July 7. **Pages H4817–18**

Extension of Remarks: It was made in order that for today all members be permitted to extend their remarks and to include extraneous material in that section of the Record entitled "Extension of Remarks". **Page H4818**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, July 9. **Page H4818**

Resignations—Appointments: It was made in order that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Tuesday, July 8, 1997, the Speaker, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House. **Page H4818**

Designation of Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Morella or Representative Davis of Virginia to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through July 8, 1997. **Page H4818**

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

National Emergency Re Libya: Message wherein he transmits his report concerning the National Emergency with respect to Libya—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–101); and **Pages H4818–19**

Public Broadcasting and Public Telecommunications Entities: Message wherein he transmits the FY 1996 Annual Report of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and the Inventory of the Federal

Funds distributed to Public Telecommunications entities by Federal Departments and Agencies—referred to the Committee on Commerce. **Page H4819**

Senate Messages: Messages received today from the Senate appear on pages H4649 and H4819.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4660–61, H4812–13, H4815, and H4815–16. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 108, adjourned at 7:27 p.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 8.

Committee Meetings

DAIRY INDEMNITY PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry approved for full Committee action H.R. 1789, to reauthorize the dairy indemnity program.

Prior to this action, the Committee held a hearing on this legislation. Testimony was heard from Bruce R. Weber, Associate Administrator, Farm Service Agency, USDA; and a public witness.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the Interior appropriations for fiscal year 1998.

OVERSIGHT—FEDERAL MONEY PRODUCTION

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy held an oversight hearing on Federal Money Production. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Michael E. Motley, Associate Director, Government Business Operations; and Theodore C. Barreaux, Counselor to the Comptroller General; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Mary Ellen Withrow, Treasurer; Philip N. Diehl, Director, U.S. Mint; Larry Rolufs, Director, Bureau of Engraving and Printing; and George Munoz, Assistant Secretary, Management.

HOMELESS HOUSING CONSOLIDATION AND FLEXIBILITY ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing on H.R. 217, Homeless Housing Consolidation and Flexibility Act. Testimony was heard from Jacquie Lawing, General Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban

Development; Jane Kenny, Commissioner, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL SALVAGE MOTOR VEHICLE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on H.R. 1839, National Salvage Motor Vehicle Consumer Protection Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Richard C. Morse, Chief, Odometer Fraud Staff, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

CHARTER SCHOOLS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families held a hearing on Charter Schools. Testimony was heard from Gerald Tirozzi, Assistant Secretary, Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education; and public witnesses.

HIGHER EDUCATION ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-Long Learning continued hearings on H.R. 6, Higher Education Act Amendments of 1998. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 404, to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to authorize the transfer to State and local governments of certain surplus property for use for law enforcement or public safety purposes.

GULF WAR SYNDROME—STATUS OF EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources continued hearings on Status of Efforts to Identify Gulf War Syndrome, with emphasis on Multiple Toxic Exposures. Testimony was heard from Representative Metcalf; Thomas Garthwaite, Deputy Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; Bernard Rostker, Special Assistant, Gulf War Illness, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

U.S. ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on United States Enterprise Funds in Eastern Europe and the States of the Former Soviet Union. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the

Department of State: Ambassador Richard Morningstar, Special Advisor to the President and the Secretary of State on Assistance to the Newly Independent States and Coordinator of U.S. Assistance to the Newly Independent States; and James Holmes, Coordinator, Eastern European Assistance, Bureau of European and Canadian Affairs; and Tom Dine, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Europe and the Newly Independent States, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency.

CIVIL RIGHTS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.R. 1909, Civil Rights Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Senator McConnell; Representatives Campbell, Norton, Roukema, Mink of Hawaii and Fowler; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held a hearing on the following: H.R. 371, Hmong Veterans' Naturalization Act of 1997; and a measure to provide for a change with respect to the requirements for a Canadian border boat landing permit pursuant to section 235 of the Immigration and Nationality Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Vento and LaTourette; from the following officials of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice: Louis D. Crocetti, Jr., Associate Commissioner, Examinations; and Donna Kaye Barnes, Chief Inspector; and public witnesses.

ATLANTIC HERRING AND MACKEREL FISHERIES—MORATORIUM ON LARGE FISHING VESSELS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 1855, to impose a moratorium on large fishing vessels in the Atlantic herring and mackerel fisheries. Testimony was heard from Representatives LoBiondo, Delahunt and Tierney; Rolland Schmitten, Assistant Administrator, Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2016, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill which do not comply with clause 2 of Rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized

appropriations and legislation on general appropriations bills), and clause 6 of Rule XXI (prohibiting transfers of unobligated balances).

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DECISION-MAKING IN THE HOUSE— IMPACT OF NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on Rules: Subcommittee on Rules and Organization of the House held a hearing on the impact of new information technologies on decision-making in the House of Representatives. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OSHA'S CONTEMPLATED SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAM STANDARDS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on OSHA's Contemplated Safety and Health Program

Standards. Testimony was heard from Greg Watchman, Acting Assistant Secretary, Occupational Safety and Health, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

YEAR 2000 REQUIREMENTS—EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE COMPUTER COMPLIANCE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on efforts to achieve computer compliance with Year 2000 requirements. Testimony was heard from Representative Horn; Joel C. Willemssen, Director, Information Resources Management, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; D. Mark Catlett, Assistant Secretary, Management, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Tom Shope, Acting Director, Division of Electronics and Computer Science, Office of Science and Technology, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY JUNE 27, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Governmental Affairs, business meeting, to discuss issues relating to the campaign financing investigation, time and room to be announced.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9 a.m., Friday, June 27

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 8

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 949, Revenue Reconciliation.

House of Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.

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